in collaboration with the Technical Education Department of Ministry of Hurman Resource Development and Indian Institutes of Technology. It will beam 16 hours of programmes per day, seven days a week. This Channel is designed to carry video courses in different disciplines generated at various NTs on weekdays and special interest programmes on Sundays. For the time being eight complete courses are being run in parallel, contributed by NT Delhi, NT Kharagpur and I IT Madras and are repeated in the same sequence without a break.

Installation of VIPT in Himachal Pradesh

573. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 673 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sanctioned three Very Low PowerTransmitters for Himachal Pradesh during the year 2002-2003; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that these VLPTs have not been installed, so far, and by when these are likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) VLPT projects at Jatingari and Chirgaon are expected to be completed by the end of March, 2003. Kaja is presently show bound and installation of the transmitter would be taken up after the weather conditions improve. The project at Kaja is expected to be completed by end of 2003.

Print of old films

574. SHRIMATISHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to lack of proper space for preservation, there are not enough prints of old films;

(b) whether some of the old films were lost in haze of partition, other were destroyed with passage of time;

(c) whether some of the old films were located in South africa and Thailand;